

Upper Republican RAC Goals & Action Plans Discussion

June 5, 2019



Purpose

- ❑ Discuss Timeline
- ❑ Review Goals and Action Plans
- ❑ Discuss Progress
- ❑ Discuss Feasibility
- ❑ Discuss Possible Changes
- ❑ KWO Provides Information

Timeline

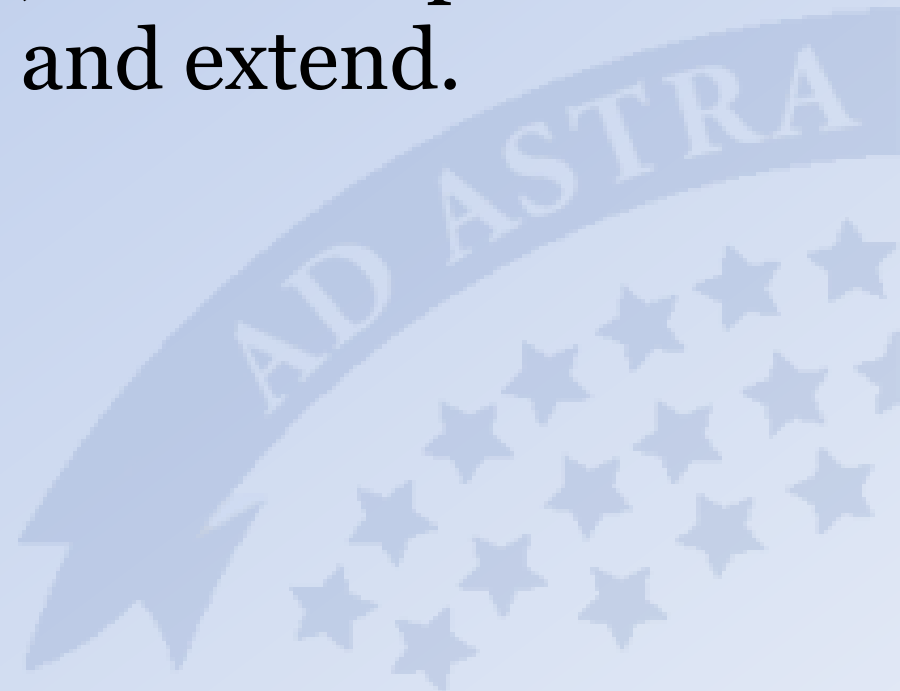
- ❑ Spring 2019: RAC Progress Report
- ❑ Late Spring-Early Summer 2019: **RACs** discuss budget & RAC goals & action plans
- ❑ Late Summer-Early Fall 2019: Public Input Meetings
- ❑ Fall 2019-Winter 2020: **RAC** provides recommendations
- ❑ Winter 2020-Summer 2020: Reorganize & incorporate Vision & KWP. **RACs** provide input to KWA on priority projects.

Goal #1

- ❑ Develop and adopt a water conservation management plan that provides maximum flexibility while reducing overall actual use, in concert with GMD 4, to extend the aquifer life and economic well-being by January 1, 2017. Utilize a time-phased implementation approach, not less than 2 years or greater than 5 years, to phase in conservation measures to lessen economic impacts and allow user transition. Conservation Plan shall address all types of use while considering flexibility tools and overall actual reduction.

Goal #2

- ❑ Enhance current efforts on education of all water users for all age groups on sources of supply, quantity of supply, best management practices, etc. to help stakeholders conserve and extend.



Goal #3

- ❑ Republican River Compact administration should be encouraged to maintain compliance in the South Fork Republican River.



Goal #4

- ❑ Increase utilization and adoption of water conservation technology and practices by 10% by 2020. Actively seek annual funding to ensure successful achievement of goal.



Goal #5

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Action Plans: Priority Goal #1

- ❑ Support GMD No. 4 in continuation of district wide LEMA plan.
- ❑ Look outside the box for other possible funding sources necessary to improve water efficiency.



Action Plans: Priority Goal #2

- ❑ Work with KDA and GMD No. 4 in education of water technology farms, specifically in creating a water technology farm with the Northwest Kansas Technical College's Precision Agriculture program.
- ❑ Support KDA in education of WCAs.
- ❑ Work with NRCS to evaluate effectiveness of RCPP program and find efficiencies.
- ❑ Create a fall event for education of water conservation, involve water agencies and schools.

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- ❑ Ensure KDA continually updates the RAC on the Republican River Compact, especially if any changes occur within the area.



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- ❑ Promote conservation through possible incentives and increased data availability.



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Progress

- ❑ Regional Goal Action Plan Implementation
- ❑ RAC Action Plan Tracker



Feasibility

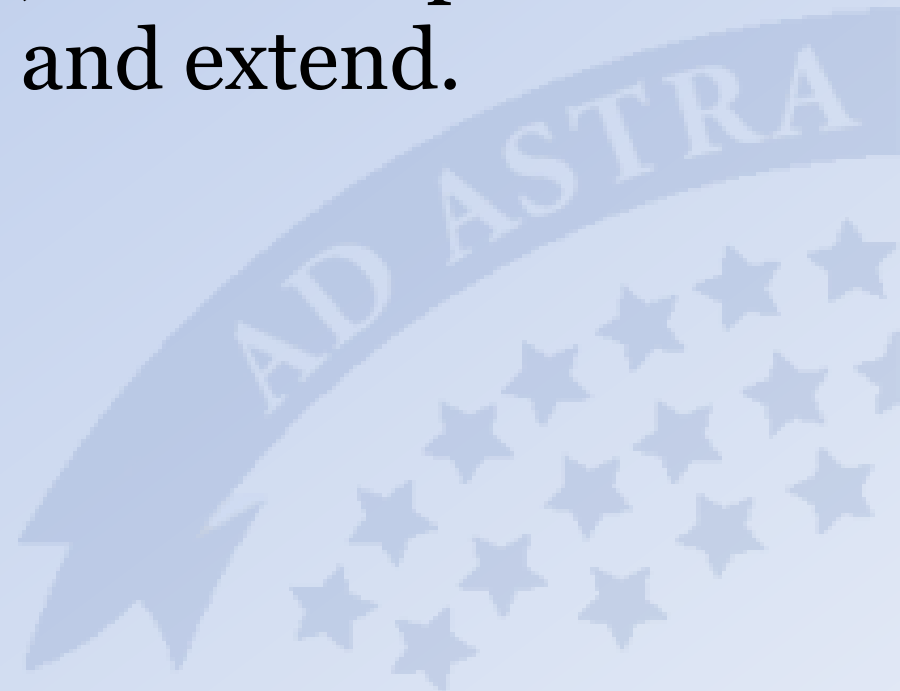
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- Do the Action Plans make sense?
- Are they accomplishing what they were intended to?
- Are they inline with the Vision?
- Do you agree with the progress?

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Changes? Turn and Face the Strange

- Would you make changes to the goals or actions?
- Would you delete any?
- Would you add any?



Next Steps

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 - Information provided by KWO
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